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Studies in the Christian Evidences: Being Apologetics for the Times. By ALEXANDER MAIR, D.D. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, 1894. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Pp. xvi+415. \$2.25.

It is gratifying to see that there is a demand for a third edition of this work. While by no means of the same class as Professor Bruce's *Apologetics*, it is probably more serviceable for the general reader, and well deserves the Gold Medal awarded its second edition by the American Tract Society in 1891. The third differs from the earlier editions in that the entire work has been subjected to revision, a chapter added on "Recent Views with Regard to the Pentateuch," and the whole work brought very well down to date. The author's literary style is admirable; his mind singularly well balanced, and while he can hardly be claimed as a specialist in criticism, his knowledge of the main line of both Old and New Testament scholarship is good. His method is stimulating without being polemical, and his conclusions are healthfully conservative. As a sample of his habit of discriminating statement, reference may be made to the new chapter on Pentateuchal criticism. Dr. Mair finds¹ (1) that the material of the Pentateuch is very ancient and not the fabrication of a late stage in Jewish history; (2) that the body of this material was partly compiled and partly composed by Moses; (3) that it is not necessary to deny redaction in the case of the Pentateuch any more than in the case of Judges, Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles; (4) that it is possible that separate passages, and the final editing was in the time of Ezra; (5) that this view does not interfere with the authority of the books; (6) that, at the very least, Christ regards Moses as being virtually the author or redactor, although not necessarily the final editor.

Especially commendable are, also, the chapters upon the "Authenticity of the New Testament," the "Unquestioned Epistles of Paul," "Some Important Converging Lines, and the Argument Therefrom," and the Appendix which contains notes illustrating the body of the work.

Taken altogether, it would be hard to name a better book to put into the hands of a young man or woman who needs a scholarly and discriminating presentation of the evidences of our faith that shall be at once readable and accurate.

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Israelitische und Jüdische Geschichte. VON J. WELLHAUSEN.

This work represents the execution of a plan formed twenty years ago, but covers more ground. The original design included only the history of Israel, whereas the book carries on the narrative to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. It has grown out of the famous article "Israel" in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, which was written at the suggestion of the late Professor W. Robertson Smith, and is intended to supplement the "Prolegomena." The greater part of the volume is devoted to Jewish history, partly for internal

¹ Pp. 286-7.